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1. This report consists of the digest of a letter written on 24 February 1947 by Poralla, Chairman of the Central Shop Groups' Executive for Railroads (Vorsitzender der Zentralen Betriebsgruppenleitung "Eisenbahn") and addressed to the SED Kreis Executive Committee (Kreisvorstand), Haropahaus, Leipzig C 1. In this letter Poralla complains of disunity in the ranks of the SED railroad officialdom. He condemns both the former SPD functionaries who consider themselves the sole arbiters of SED policy and the former KPD functionaries who waste their energies in slandering and otherwise underhandedly attacking party officials. Poralla states that these intra-party brawlers are not above threatening their enemies with arrest -- and this in the presence of SED functionaries who were hitherto unaware of the inner tensions.
2. Poralla affirms his belief that the eternal sniping at the former SPD officials Olkers (President of Reichsbahn Directorate Halle), Kellner (adviser on personnel matters), Zauske (railroad divisional chairman), Braunlich (industrial trade union chairman), Fritsche, Jäger, and Mattick (members of main or district shop committees) is part of a concerted attempt to discredit these men because of their former political affiliations.

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